

"This Columbus Day, I stand in solidarity with our Native American brothers and sisters. Columbus Day has traditionally been an occasion of celebration and national pride. Yet it commemorates a deeply shameful chapter of our history – an era when indigenous peoples subjected to cruelty, exploitation and genocide. We must not be afraid to examine our history with a critical eye. We must recognize the injustices of the past in order to create a more just future."

"Although the United States no longer condones institutionalized violence against its indigenous population, Native American communities remain radically underserved in crucial areas like healthcare, poverty relief and education. They continue fighting for tribal sovereignty and protection of culturally significant lands. As a member of Congress, and a member of the Congressional Native American Caucus, I will continue to be a fierce advocate for tribal sovereignty and to provide federal funding to help support critical programs for Indian Country."